

SECOND YEAR—NO. 886.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1896.

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A large bankrupt stock of SHOT GUNS AND RIFLES of all kinds for sale at

Water street, Benton Harbor, Mich. Remember that I keep all kinds of hunting, fishing and sporting goods on hand and I will not be undersold by any dealer in Southwestern Mich. Winchester Repeating Rifles all sizes at \$10, \$11 and \$14 each. See the 9's and new models Quackenbush 22's and other Target Guns. One Colt Repeating Rifle second-hand at \$7, one Winchester Single Shot Rifle, second-hand, at \$6, Spencer Repeating Shot Gun, 8 shot at \$17, and I have Double Barrel Brooch Loading Shot Guns both 10 and 12 gauge at \$7, \$9, \$11 and 12 each, Single Barrel Brooch Loaders, both new and second-hand, at \$6, \$9 and \$7 each, Muzzle Loading Shot Guns at the lowest prices, one Winchester Repeating Shot Gun second-hand at \$10, Loaded Paper Shells 10, 12 and 16 gauge, a leader at 35 cents per box; paste that in your hat. 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Said Santa Claus as he emptied his cutter on the sidewalk in front of our store last night. When asked the cause, he said: "Why everybody in the twin cities will call here next week to buy their Christmas presents, so I will just leave everything here and let them get it." And so it goes, everybody comes here if they want anything in Dry Goods, for we keep the only line in town which suits everybody. Give us a call and look over our line of Fine Linens, Furs, Kid Gloves Corsets, etc. We are bound to please you.

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## SOME INSIDE NEWS

An Editor Unveils Some Diplomatic Secrets Which May Be Fact or Not.

### SPAIN ASKS OUR ASSISTANCE

And Proposes to Pay for It—Hearings on the Tariff—The Venezuela Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Post today says: "It has been learned from an authoritative source that Secretary Olney and Senator Duffey de Lome, the Spanish minister, have practically determined negotiations on the Cuban question which are to be submitted to congress when it convenes on Jan. 5. The terms of the agreement are based on a recent official communication from Premier Canovas, addressed to the secretary of state. The premier states clearly the terms which Spain will accord to the insurgents, and practically asks the United States to propose those conditions to her rebellious subjects. In return for our good offices Spain assures this government that she sincerely deplores the great commercial loss which has been sustained on account of the Cuban disturbance."

**Will Give Us Reciprocity.**  
"She assures us that she is even now considering a reciprocity treaty which will deal mainly with Cuban products, and which will be framed in such advantageous terms toward this government that our losses, both in commerce and in the destruction of American property in Cuba, will be more than amply compensated. Premier Canovas says that Spain cannot, of course, as a self-respecting and respected nation stand before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all that she now offers, and that in the face of rebellion. But she accepts the good offices of the United States to act as mediator and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law which she is about to proclaim in Cuba."

**Offers the Limit for Cuba.**  
"The form of government is, the Spanish statesman declares, the limit of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation without absolutely severing the bonds of union with the mother country. Autonomy, as enjoyed by the Canadians, can never be granted in Cuba. What Spain is willing to grant the insurgents if they lay down their arms, and what she asks the United States to guarantee, is an act which provides for a council of administration which shall control all matters pertaining to the commerce of the island, and all estimates upon the general taxation and expenditures of the island, as well as its general home government."

**Looks Like a Confirmation.**  
A dispatch from New York says The World has a special from Madrid that might be considered as partly confirmatory of the foregoing. The special says: "An evidently inspired editorial in the Epoca today foreshadowing the possibility of an understanding between the Spanish government and President Cleveland has caused a profound sensation in Spain. The Epoca, the organ of the Conservative party, now in power, says: 'American intervention in Cuba is perfectly logical on the grounds of material interests and national sentiment. It might become an inevitable necessity of American home politics and it is eminently to the interest of our own country to avoid a conflict where we can do so with honor, maintaining our dignity and sovereignty.'"

**LONG TALK ON THE TARIFF.**  
Chemical and Whisky Men Appear Before Dingley's Committee.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The hearings which the ways and means committee of the house will give to the representatives of the various industries interested in the preparation of the new tariff bill began in the room of the committee at the Capitol yesterday and will continue daily until Jan. 11. Much interest was manifested, and the room was constantly thronged with delegations and the representatives of various trades. Owing to the brief time allotted for hearings and the desire of the committee, as expressed by Chairman Dingley, to avoid unnecessary repetitions many of those who appeared simply filed their briefs and made no oral arguments. Dingley expressed the opinion that the presentation of condensed briefs would answer the purpose of the committee better than argument, and advised the filing of such briefs where possible. He announced that briefs would be received until Jan. 11. Only seven of the seventeen members of the committee were present yesterday—Dingley, Payne of New York, Evans of Kentucky, Dalgell of Pennsylvania, and Johnson of North Dakota—Republicans, and McMillin of Tennessee and Wheeler of Alabama—Democrats. The schedules upon which hearings were accorded were those relating to chemicals and spirits and wines. There were no particular incidents. Without exception all who appeared asked for an increase of the duties on the particular industry in which they were interested. Almost all of those who appeared in behalf of changes in the chemical schedule urged a change from ad valorem to specific duties.

**VILIBUSTERS VERY TROUBLESOME.**  
De Lome Prods Uncle Sam Continually on That Subject.

Washington, Dec. 29.—No information has been received at either the treasury department or the department of justice respecting the suspected filibuster or Three Friends, except the announcement of her seizure; nor have any special instructions been given to the local officers as to the legal course to be pursued. There is no doubt that the officials are not entirely satisfied with the way the business of preventing filibustering expeditions from leaving our ports has been conducted, and it is believed that Assistant Secretary Wilson is now in Florida, will make it his business to investigate the whole matter. It is known that the Spanish minister here has made repeated complaint at the state department that some of

the government's agents in Florida have money interests in some of the plantations engaged in violating the neutrality laws by carrying expeditions to Cuba. These complaints have been forwarded to the chief customs officers in Florida, and while the reports admit the fact of subordinate officers or members of their families holding interests in some of the well-known filibusters, it is claimed that this fact has not had and could not have any influence upon the official acts of the subordinate officials. Up to this time these statements have been allowed to pass as satisfactory answers to the charges, but the officials here are greatly annoyed by the frequent successful trips of the filibusters, and it is not unlikely that more stringency of action will be put a stop to them will be adopted.

**VENEZUELA SEEMS TO HANG FIRE.**  
Although It Is Generally Believed She Will Accept the Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Olney left the state department at 12 o'clock yesterday and went direct to the British embassy, where he held a long conference by appointment with Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, relative to the status of the Venezuela settlement, and the general question of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. Olney's call followed the arrival of Minister Andrade, of Venezuela, and James J. Storrow, counsel in the Venezuela case, who reached Washington late Sunday evening. The results of the conference were guarded with the usual secrecy which prevails at meetings between the secretary and the ambassador, but there is good reason to believe it was the occasion for going over several new phases of the Venezuela question which have developed with the return of the officials from Caracas.

The officials themselves are extremely reticent, and will say only in general terms that the prospect of an acceptance of the settlement by Venezuela is good. It is understood, however, that there are important limitations to this acceptance, which appear to make the case less hopeful of an immediate and satisfactory conclusion than has been expected. It seems that Venezuela is waiting to see a draft of the whole proposed treaty, instead of the outline she has received, before deciding. As to the Anglo-American arbitration treaty no doubt exists of its approval.

**Will Call Colombia to Account.**  
Washington, Dec. 29.—The action of the Colombian authorities in detaining the American schooner Whitford nearly three weeks last spring at Colon may be made the basis for a correction of many of the petty official annoyances and legal obstacles that have been thrown in the way of American shipping merchants doing business with the Spanish Main. Assurance was given yesterday to persons interested in the Whitford that the state department would move energetically in that direction. So far no claim for indemnity in the case of the Whitford has been lodged, but the state department is giving the matter earnest attention.

**MEETING OF BOSTON STRIKERS.**  
George Fred Williams Protests Against the Action of the Company.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Faneuil Hall was crowded with people last night in response to the call issued by the Street Car Men's union, 800 of whose members have been discharged by the West End company. On the platform were strikers, ex-representatives, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, philanthropists and business men, while in the gallery were many women. Reverend Scott E. Hershey, of Boston, stated that his sympathy and convictions were with the employers of the road. George Fred Williams, late Democratic candidate for governor, said he was present to protest against a wrong. Honest men had been thrown out of employment and millions of dollars had been spent on the streets and given to a private corporation for nothing. After other speeches it was voted that a committee be appointed to wait on the company and protest against any further discharges, to demand the reinstatement of the men, and to obtain a conference so that the agreement might be discussed.

**TERRIBLE DISASTER IN IRELAND.**  
Whole Family Carried Down by the Subsiding of a Bog.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—A family of ten persons and a number of cattle have been engulfed by the subsiding of a bog of one hundred acres near Glenties, County Kerry. It is stated that the persons were drowned at the same time and place. The subsidence of the bog seems to have been an extraordinary affair. There were terrible storms through the night, and about 3 o'clock in the morning the people of the district were alarmed by an unusual rumbling, which they feared was caused by an earthquake. The bog, which was believed to be thirty feet deep, and which had long supplied the whole neighborhood with peat, was moved for several miles along an old water course, filling a quarry twenty feet deep on the way, flooding the rivers of the country with peat water and doing much damage.

**O'Malley Is Still in Jail.**  
Chicago, Dec. 29.—Alderman O'Malley is still in jail under the indictment charging him with complicity with the murder of Collander at a polling place here on the night of the election in 1894. He refuses to make any statement except to say that he is innocent and can give bond in \$5,000,000 if necessary. An attempt will be made to have him admitted to bail. He has hundreds of callers, all of whom declare their belief in his innocence. He says he is not a relative of ex-State Senator O'Malley, who is the reputed leader of the "Market street gang."

**He Operated the "John Bull."**  
Fremont, O., Dec. 29.—James R. Francisco died here yesterday in his 82d year. He was one of the oldest railway engineers in the country. He operated the "John Bull" engine which was brought from England in 1838. That famous engine was exhibited at the World's fair.

**Dedication of the Grant Monument.**  
New York, Dec. 29.—The board of estimates yesterday inserted in the budget for 1897 the sum of \$70,000 to be expended in the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Grant monument on April 27.

March 7, 1892.  
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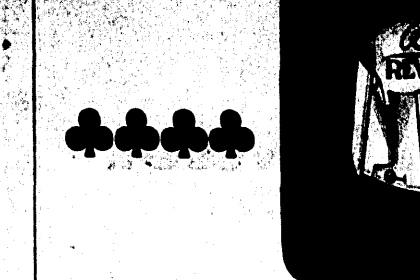
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GEORGE Kennan.  
GEORGE Kennan tomorrow night.  
Mrs. French received two more presents in cut glass this morning, one from Chicago and the other from Three Rivers.

THERE will be spectators tickets for the band dance tomorrow night. Those wishing to hear the fine concert can do so for 25 cents.

The board of cemetery trustees will meet at the clerk's office tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Every member is urged to attend.

FRED Brant was awarded a judgment of \$22.30 against Fred McKee in a suit to recover for labor performed heard before Justice Cady yesterday.

THE funeral of Mrs. L. M. Baushke, who died Saturday evening was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her late home. Interment was had in Crystal Springs cemetery.

WORK on the St. Joseph Valley railroad will not start for some days. Many of the men who were expecting active operations to begin yesterday morning were disappointed.

ATTENTION, Henry C. Rowe Circle, a special invitation has been extended to the circle by the G. A. R. committee to attend the memorial services at G. A. R. hall, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2 p. m. sharp. A full attendance is desired.

FRAZZELL's city band will give their second grand ball in Conkey's hall tomorrow night and it is sincerely hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance. The proceeds of the dance will go towards procuring a new set of instruments.

GEORGE Kennan is the only American who ever visited the convict mines in Siberia where the Russian exiles waste away their lives in fashion as wicked as the stories of the southern prisons. Hear him tomorrow night at the First Methodist church.

STEPHENS & Babcock's orchestra furnished music for the reception last evening and many words of praise were spoken for that organization. The orchestra also speaks in high praise of Pastor French, who not only hired them but paid them in advance.

MAYOR Bell has appointed J. S. Morton, Roland Morrill and John E. Barnes to represent Benton Harbor at the Centennial celebration which begins at Nashville, Tenn., next May. These gentlemen have accepted the trust and it is certain that the southern people will hear of Benton Harbor next year.

GEORGE Kennan, the great lecturer, at the First Methodist church tomorrow night. This lecture is the second entertainment in the Benton Harbor lecture course and alone worth the price of the course. The admission fee is 50 cents or for 75 cents a ticket good for the remainder of the course can be purchased.

The Old Maid's convention to occur at Conkey's hall Friday evening, January 1, has caused considerable excitement among the bachelor fraternity of the city, and the affair promises to end in some very pretty romances. A fancy drill not taught by a dancing master is a number on the program, and the cultivated trio, Betsey Bump, Patience Malissa Cuipepper and Sarah Jane, will sing. Frazzell's orchestra will play. Dancing after the convention.

PERSONAL.  
—C. C. Burkam is the guest of the Hotel Benton.  
—Henry Bruceus of Buchanan is in the city today.  
—George Rough of Niles is in the city on business.  
—Will Eschhorst of Eau Claire visited here yesterday.  
—F. G. Warren left this morning for Charlotte to be gone a few days.  
—C. D. Stuart left this morning for Chicago on a short business trip.  
—H. W. Williams of South Haven was in the city yesterday on business.  
—Mrs. Ida Parks has returned from Dowagiac where she visited her husband.  
—Mrs. A. J. Starkweather of Kalamazoo is the guest of J. S. LaPoint and family.  
—Mrs. M. A. Price left this morning for Constantine, where she will join her husband.  
—G. W. Russell of South Bend is spending the holidays with his friends in both cities.  
—Lewis Milburn has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Eaton Rapids.  
—Fred Smith, of Grand Rapids, returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit with his aunt, Mrs. Robert Oaks, Bishop avenue.  
—Elmer Beiste who visited friends here yesterday left this morning for Buchanan where he will visit before returning to Ann Arbor.

Advertised Letters.  
List of unclaimed letters remaining in this office for the week ending December 29, 1896.  
Agnes M. Williams  
Burial Herman  
Hoon A.  
Baker Loe  
Baushke Holl  
Coke Mr. William  
Cannell Mr.  
Davis Mr. John  
Eldred Mrs. Henry  
Fisher Mr. Joseph  
Hitchings Mr.  
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where your stuff is if you have any.  
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brushes, but the real thing  
that are usually given as Christmas  
presents, but the substantial, long last-  
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"Hot, hot," said the engine driver  
with what might have been either a  
shiver or a shiver. "No, sir, I don't call  
this hot. Warm, maybe, but hot, no!"  
"Well," I panted, "I should like to  
know what you would call hot if this  
is only warm. Why, here's the mercury  
climbing up into the hundred and twen-  
ties, the leaves are scorching on the  
trees, and there isn't a breath of wind  
or a drop of cool water on earth. Re-  
ally I don't think you'll find much hotter  
weather than this—at least not in this  
world."  
"But I have had it," he said, a trifle  
testily, as though he didn't quite like  
the allusion. "Why, I was driving an  
engine once on a stretch of line in South  
America where it was so hot that we  
used to throw the furnace door open  
and stand close up to it so as to get that  
side of us cool—cool by contrast, sir.  
Goodby!"  
Then he snatched off his hat and  
climbed into the cab of his en-  
gine, presumably to have a warm.—  
Pearson's Weekly.

His Style.  
"Millie, dear, what is the name of  
your affianced?"  
"Why, Clara, don't you know? It's  
Herbert Montague."  
"Oh, how sweet! Is he rich?"  
"Well, oh."  
"And keeps a carriage?"  
"Several of them."  
"How nice! And fine horses, I sup-  
pose?"  
"Yes."  
"And what is his business, dear?"  
"He keeps a livery stable."  
"Oh!"—Strand Magazine.

Embarrassing.  
Rich Finances—Oh, this banquet is too  
costly! You must take it back to the  
lieutenant!  
Valet—Oh, that's all right, miss.  
Since my master is engaged to you he  
has been able to get things on credit.—  
Flegende Blatter.

Save your money. But if you must get rid of  
it spend it on good things like those fine can-  
dles at Bird's drug store.  
"Now good digestion wait on appe-  
tite and health on both." Use Wash-  
burn's Gold Medal flour—all good gro-  
cers sell it. 1564

Lincoln's Last Law Case.  
"Speaking of Lincoln's birthday,"  
said Senator Palmer, "reminds me that  
the very last case Lincoln ever tried was  
one in which I, too, was engaged. It  
was in Springfield, in June, 1880, after  
Mr. Lincoln had received the presiden-  
tial nomination. Old David Baker, who  
had been a senator in the early days, had  
sued the trustees of Shurtleiff college,  
my alma mater, for expelling his grand-  
son, a lad named Will Gilbert. Mr.  
Lincoln appeared for the prosecution. I  
was the college attorney. Mr. Lincoln  
came into court, and the judge said to  
him: 'Mr. Lincoln, I'll argue this case  
for you. You have too much on your  
hands already. You haven't any case.'  
And he explained the law and applica-  
tion.

"Well," said Mr. Lincoln, with a  
smile, "don't you want to hear a speech  
from me?"  
"No," said the judge, and the last  
case Mr. Lincoln tried he well, he  
didn't try it at all."—Washington Post.

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Gotham Industry.  
It's easy to be a well dressed man  
nowadays. If one saves up his old  
clothes until he accumulates a few  
suits and then follows the example of  
his rich friends here, he will soon find  
out how they pose as howling swells at  
comparatively little cost. It costs only  
\$25 a year to look like a man who owns  
a valet, providing one has the costumes  
to start on. In a skyscraper structure  
a suit of sumptuous offices is occupied  
by the clerical staff of a concern which  
is engaged in keeping the clothes of  
some of our worthiest and most influen-  
tial citizens in repair. A large factory  
down town, employing a small army of  
seamstresses, pressers and menders, is kept  
in constant operation, and the wagons  
of the company may be seen daily cov-  
ering regular routes in the best parts of  
the city. So sensitive are the patrons of  
the concern, however, lest their econom-  
ical proclivities become known to neigh-  
bors that nothing more than the ambig-  
uous title of the firm is paluted on the  
vehicle.  
A lady with a pronounced French ac-  
cent manages this part of the business.  
From her it was learned that a yearly  
subscription fee of \$25, payable in ad-  
vance, entitles any ordinary American  
citizen to membership in this concern,  
by means of which his clothes at least  
can jostle up against those of the Four  
Hundred. On paying the fee the mem-  
bers are entitled to all the services re-  
quired to keep their wardrobe in repair  
and presentable condition. The chests  
are allotted to him, upon which his  
name and address are printed. One of  
these remains at his home, while the  
other is at the factory. Wagons call at  
the houses of patrons of the company  
twice a week, if necessary and collect  
the clothes which have been placed in  
the chest, at the same time leaving a  
sheet full of clothes, carefully mended  
and pressed ready for wear. One young  
man who has been a patron of the novel  
establishment for some time says that it  
works like a charm, and his apparel  
bears out his statement. Of course the  
tailors, the old clothes gatherers and the  
servants who have struts in the cast  
off garments of their masters don't like  
the innovation, but it is a necessity of  
the time. Keeping up appearance is a  
great business here, and this new clothes  
fixing scheme is a regular boon to lots  
of men who travel on shape and style.  
—New York Letter in Pittsburgh Dis-  
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